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## BIRTH.

At No. 8, Mingchow Terrace, Shanghai, on  
the 31st July, 1894, at 5.45 p.m., the wife of  
JAMES FETTERSTON-NAUGHT, of a daughter.

## DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on  
the 29th July, 1894, NELLIE, the beloved wife of H.  
Oelkers, (Tungksong Dock), aged 26 years.  
At Shanghai, on the 30th July, 1894, EDWARD  
DANIEL WOODFORD, aged 33 years.  
On the 3rd instant, at the "Land We Live  
In" Hotel, THOMAS SILVERMAN, aged 55 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1894.

## TELEGRAMS.

## BRITISH NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, August 8th.  
The Naval manoeuvres of the British fleet,  
reproducing all possibilities of warfare with  
France, have ended in a complete victory to the  
squadrons representing the French.

## IRISH LEGISLATION.

The Right Hon. John Morley (Chief Secretary  
for Ireland) stated in the House of Commons  
that the rejection of the *Wildfowl Bill*by the House of Lords would render it very  
difficult to maintain peace in Ireland.

## THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

The warlike feeling in Japan is intense.

## CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

The steamer *Balmora* on arriving at Gravesend  
from St. Petersburg, reported one death and  
five cases of Asiatic cholera on board.

## JABEZ CORNERED AT LAST.

The Argentine Republic has granted the extradition  
of Jabez Balfour.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, July 5th.

A sensational incident took place in Hyde  
Park to-day. As the Prince and Princess of  
Wales were driving in the park a man who was  
carrying a parcel advanced and threw it into the  
royal carriage. The Princess, fearing an  
explosion, immediately turned dead pale, but  
remained quiet. The Prince attempted to  
reassure her, and stood in such a position as to  
cover the Princess from harm. The parcel, which  
was the Prince of Wales on being thrown into  
the carriage, burst, and was found to be filled  
with flowers.  
As an act of clemency, M. Casimir-Perier, the  
President of the Republic, has granted an  
amnesty to 314 persons who were arrested in  
connection with disturbances arising out of  
recent strikes.  
M. Dupuy, the French Premier, has refused to  
grant permission to the Communists to celebrate  
the events of 1871. He declared that the country  
was filled with horror and disgust by the  
recollection of a recent terrible and tragic event.  
The Chamber of Deputies, by a large majority,  
passed a resolution confirming the action of the  
Premier.  
A director of tramways at Pisa, in Italy, has  
been murdered by anarchists. Three anarchists  
at Empoli, near Florence, have been murdered  
for having rescued from their clutches the  
Canada demand that Great Britain should  
abandon her claim to legislate in connection  
with colonial property. Sir Charles Tupper,  
High Commissioner for the Dominion, has  
invited the Agents-General to co-operate in the  
demand by Canada, but they have declined to  
do so on the ground that they have not received  
instructions from their respective Governments  
as to how they should act in the matter.  
Further details have been received of the  
sinking of Lord Dufferin's splendid yacht  
*Valmy* by Mr. H. D. Clarke's yacht *Salomita*,  
at the Royal Yacht Club meeting on the 5th  
of Clyde, yesterday. Shortly after the race was  
started the *Salomita* became jammed, owing to  
the steam launches carrying the spectators  
getting in the way. The *Salomita*, in endeavouring  
to clear herself, struck the *Valmy*, which  
immediately commenced to fill, and sank in a  
few minutes. The *Salomita* and the *Valmy*  
were steered by their respective owners.  
President Cleveland has decided to institute  
proceedings for criminal conspiracy against the  
leaders of the railway employees' strike.  
Numerous arrests have been made. There  
have been severe conflicts between the police  
and the strikers at Chicago. The strikers, how-  
ever, are not disposed to interfere with the  
military. The Knights of Labour have ordered  
all members of its branches between Chicago  
and San Francisco to come out on strike, with  
the object of paralyzing all labour.  
Advices from South Africa report that General  
Joubert, the Commandant-General of the South  
African Republic, who with a large body of  
Boers drove the Matabele rebels from their  
fortified camp in Zululand, is shelling the  
caves in which a large number of the rebels,  
with many women and children, have taken  
refuge. It was at first intended to dig them  
out by means of dynamite, but General Joubert  
decided upon shelling the caves as a means of  
driving them out.  
At to-day's sitting of the Ottawa Conference,  
Sir Henry de Villiers, Chief Justice of  
Cape Colony, and one of the delegates for  
that colony, moved a resolution to the effect  
that Great Britain be requested to remove the  
legislative obstacles which prevented the colonies  
under responsible government from agreeing  
upon a commercial reciprocity. The resolution  
was carried. The Conference has rejected a  
motion in favour of the immediate construction  
of the Pacific cable, on the ground that the data  
were insufficient.Mr. H. Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of  
State for War, stated in the House of Commons  
last night, in reply to a question, that the  
torpedo invented by Mr. Louis Brennan,  
formerly of Victoria, has proved an extraordinary  
success.In the House of Commons last night, Mr.  
Worland, Financial Secretary to the War Office,  
stated that the operation of the eight-hour  
system in the Government factories had proved  
most successful.  
Serious disorders are reported from Indiana-  
polis, in the State of Indiana. In Chicago, the  
troops refused to fire upon the strikers, as the  
Mayor of the city declined to give the com-  
mander a written order to that effect, but the  
military charged the mob at the point of the  
bayonet. The police fired on the mob. The  
Governor of the State of Illinois has asked  
for the withdrawal of the Federal troops. Presi-  
dent Cleveland has declined to accede to the  
request, since the transit of mails is obstructed  
by the strike disturbances, and the process of  
the Federal courts is impeded.The Ottawa Conference has resolved that in  
the event of the construction of the Pacific cable  
it should be extended to the Cape of Good Hope.  
A discussion is taking place upon a motion in  
favour of fostering preferential trade relations  
between Great Britain and the colonies.  
In the House of Commons last night, Sir Edward  
Grey, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign  
Office, stated, in reply to a question, that the  
British Government was considering its reply to  
the decision of the Dutch Government in refusing  
to grant compensation in connection with the  
*Cette Rica Packet* case. The Government, he  
added, was fully aware of the strong feeling in  
New South Wales on the subject.  
Another destructive fire has occurred at the  
Chicago Exhibition. Six sections of the Exhibi-  
tion were burned. The fire was the work of an  
incendiary.SEVERAL fatal cases of cholera have recently  
been reported from Hyogo.H.M.S. *Rattler* arrived at Singapore from  
Bangkok on the 30th ulto.THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Aden* left  
Singapore for this port at 3 p.m. yesterday.A PROPOSAL is on foot to start a branch of the  
St. John's Ambulance Association in Singapore.At the end of 1893 there were 21 Japanese  
residents at Peking, 46 at Tientsin, 21 at Chefoo,  
866 at Shanghai, 21 at Canton, and 11 in other  
ports of the Chinese empire.H.M.S. *Porpoise* left Shanghai for Chefoo under  
special telegraphic instructions on the 29th  
ulto.The export of rice from the Yangtze ports has  
been strictly prohibited by the Chinese Govern-  
ment.HAIL-STONES the size of large grapes are reported  
to have fallen in the vicinity of Farnham's Dock  
at Shanghai last Friday.THE O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gastie*, with  
malls, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via  
Yokohama, on the 7th inst.The stock of kerosene oil in Shanghai on the  
3rd inst. amounted to 1,506,758 cases of  
American and 360,999 cases of Russian.A TELEGRAM from Berlin to the Japanese  
Foreign Office at Tokyo, dated the 23rd ulto.,  
stated that Prince Bismarck was seriously ill.CAPT. 'JOCK' Hutchison, well known for many  
years for the part eight weeks as a skipper in the  
Navigation Co's service, has joined the pilot  
service at Amoy.THE China Merchants' steamer *Kwanglo*, bound  
for this port and Canton, has been detained in  
Shanghai in consequence of the reported presence  
of Japanese warships in China waters.The Chinese steamer *Kiangtun* was transferred  
to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and hoisted the  
British flag on the 2nd inst., and will run  
between Shanghai and Ningpo under her old  
name, the *Mening*.INSPECTOR REED, of the Shanghai police, was  
attacked by Asiatic cholera and removed to the  
Shanghai General Hospital on the 26th ulto.  
Latest advices state that he is progressing  
favourably towards recovery.THE Taotai of Shanghai has informed the  
Foreign Consul that all vessels arriving at  
Woosung in the night must remain there until  
morning. His Excellency is anxious to prevent the  
vessels of friendly nations being blown out  
of the water by the Woosung forts.A SQUADRON of eight Russian warships, with  
troops on board, left Vladivostok the other day  
under sealed orders, their destination presumably  
being Korea. The Russian Consul at Shanghai  
is of opinion that the vessels simply left for their  
usual summer cruise. *Nous verrons!*MESSRS. Stensen & Co. have sold the well-  
known China coaster *Ningpo* to Japanese for  
120,000, and the steamer has left Shanghai  
for Kobe where the transfer will be completed.  
All the German officers and engineers will be  
discharged and their places taken by Japanese.WHEN the British steamship *Angers*, chartered  
by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, left Shanghai for  
Japan on the 31st ulto., an extra guard of police  
were on the wharf "as a precautionary measure."  
The *Angers* passenger list included only forty  
Japanese—four hundred as had been  
currently reported.OUT of Practice: Tramp—Madam, will you  
kindly assist me? I am a professional acrobat,  
and the circus with which I travel will not go on  
the road again until next summer. Mrs.  
Suburban—Well, if you will try your hand at  
splitting that wood I—Tramp—Excuse me, but  
I am out of practice, and I must decline doing  
the split act.ADVICES from the North state that it has been  
arranged for some foreign men-of-war to cruise  
in the Gulf of Pechili in order to render assis-  
tance to any vessels that may be disabled in  
encounters between the navies of China and  
Japan. The French gunboat *Lion*, the Russian  
gunboat *Wolf*, and the British cruiser *Porpoise*  
form the patrol at present.THE Taotai of Shanghai has officially requested  
the *dayen* of the Consular Body to inform the  
Japanese Consul that the Japanese Government  
having promised to protect all law-abiding  
Chinese and their property in Japan, he will  
protect the Japanese in the Foreign Settlements  
of Shanghai. He further expresses the hope  
that the Japanese will endeavour to avoid  
causing any disturbance.THE *Strait Times* of the 30th ulto. says that  
"the Chinese stoker who was landed from the  
*Pakhan* at St. John's Island on the 16th of  
June, suffering from bubonic plague, has not yet  
recovered. From the time of his enforced  
retirement, the medical authorities have reported  
that the sufferer has been progressing favourably,  
and to-day he is still progressing towards  
recovery. Hopes are entertained of his ultimate  
recovery."THE *N. C. Daily News* says "there was no  
exaggeration in the telegraphed account of the  
outrage on the British consular general, Mr.  
Gardner, Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. Fox at Seoul.  
On the same day the Commissioner of Customs at  
Chempoo, Mr. Osborne, was brutally attacked.  
He had sent his Korean coolies to draw water,  
and the coolie returned, telling his master that  
he had been prevented by a Korean coolie from  
drawing water. The master himself with the coolie to  
see what was the matter, when he and his coolie  
were thrown down, insulted, and the coolie's  
hand cut by the bayonet of one of the Japanese  
soldiers."A PARABLE for the talkative Chief Justice  
Madden, and says *Sydney Bulletin*, the facts are  
true as stated. There was a Maori land judge who  
delighted to lecture a condemned prisoner for an  
hour after the verdict, but one day, just as he  
was about to deliver a lecture, a voice from the dock said,  
"Look here, Judge, you've got a verdict (vermillion) jaw."  
The worst (pink) penalty law provides is  
hanging. I'm booked for that, and you've got no  
(red ochre) right to clap one of your (crimson)  
sermons on top of it. It's (numerous) adjectives  
cruselly to animals, that's what it is (bless) you!  
That judge never created again. Also, there was  
another Maori land judge famed for terseness.  
His method was this: "Prisoner, you've found  
guilty of murder. You'll be hanged by the neck  
all you're dead. Next case, please!"EARLY this morning, says the *Shanghai  
Mercury* of the 1st inst., information was  
received that there had been a severe fight at  
Yassan, between the Chinese and Japanese  
troops, and that the latter had been completely  
defeated. The Chinese saying that they had  
defeated the whole army, and the Japanese  
version being that the vanguard only had been  
surrounded by the Chinese and cut to pieces.  
This is borne out by the additional information  
that all Japanese troops had been sent from  
Seoul to re-inforce the army in the field. Further  
information was received this afternoon that  
Major von Heuneke, the Foreign military  
adviser to the Viceroy Li, who was passenger  
on the ill-fated *Kwanglo*, and who was  
the reputed cause of the death of the  
foreigners on that ship, had been saved.  
He was picked up by a fishing-junk some  
distance from the scene of the catastrophe,  
and appears to have owed his life to his ability as  
a strong swimmer. This news gives hope of  
others having fared as well, and secured cer-  
tifying a full and full account of the occurrence  
of that day, which before seemed impossible.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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voyage to Korea, was prevented by the Japanese  
warships from landing her passengers.A *Government Gazette Extraordinary* was  
issued this afternoon extending the operation of  
the Flag Protection Act of the 10th May for a  
period of one month.A CHINESE paper, the *Sin Wan-pao*, states  
authoritatively that the fleet of the China Mer-  
chants' S. N. Co. has been transferred to the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank by an absolute  
sale.A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge No.  
1165, E.C., will be held in the Freemasons' Hall,  
Zetland Street, on Thursday, the 16th instant, at  
8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are  
cordially invited.THE *Star Observer* understands that Dr.  
Nightingale has been formally appointed  
medical attendant at the British Legation in  
Bangkok. The post is worth \$3,000 a year at  
the present rate of exchange.YESTERDAY afternoon Mr. H. E. Allen of Messrs.  
A. Watson & Co., and Mr. H. E. Allen, of Messrs.  
Uhlmann & Co., were removed from the  
hospital ship *Hyogo* to the Civil Hospital in a  
convalescent state. There are now no plague  
patients on board the *Hyogo*.DR. YERGIN, the eminent French bacteriologist  
who has been investigating the plague bacillus  
here for the past eight weeks, has returned to  
Saigon whence he will forward to his Govern-  
ment an elaborate report on the results of his  
investigations in Hongkong.In the first engagement at Asan on the 27th and  
28th ulto., it is stated that the Japanese numbered  
over three thousand and the Chinese sixteen  
hundred. The Chinese behaved with great  
gallantry and utterly routed their enemies, but  
had to deplore the loss of their veteran com-  
mander-in-chief, the gallant General Yeh Chih-  
chao, who was killed while leading his troops to  
victory.MR. HO AMEL, who distinguished himself during  
the Franco-China war by raising a patriotic War  
Fund, amounting to close upon \$40,000, among  
his friends in this colony and the neighbouring  
city of Canton, has again come prominently  
to the front in the present crisis and has published  
an appeal to his countrymen in the local vernac-  
ular press in which he urges his compatriots  
to subscribe liberally towards his and other  
Patriotic War Funds with a view to aiding their  
Government to "effect the prompt and complete  
destruction of a common enemy."It is rumoured in well-informed Chinese circles  
that the Chinese Government have wired  
instructions to their representatives in London  
and Berlin to act in concert in the purchase of  
as many full-powered steel transports, gunboats  
and cruisers as European shipbuilders will sign  
articles to deliver to them on or before the 31st  
December. If this is true—and we have no  
reason to doubt the accuracy of the report—  
there can be but little doubt that China is going  
to fight it out with the Japanese to the bitter end.  
Well and good so far, but the pity is that the  
"powers that be" around the Dragon Throne  
have for years past persistently ignored the  
advice of disinterested friends who forewarned  
them because they hoped China would in due  
time be forewarned.THE Taku Tug and Lighter Company, says the  
Tientsin correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*,  
under date July 28th, have done yeoman's  
service in coaling and embarkation work during  
the last month, and have conveyed their tow  
boat *Pekho* to the Chinese Government on a  
very favourable charter: on *ditto* she will be  
used as a despatch vessel. The *Kalping* and  
Linhai are putting on 2,000 tons a day, and  
are working at full speed. The railway service  
has, however, been sadly interfered with by  
another tornado of rain. On Thursday last  
week, 13 inches of rain fell in 12 hours—this is  
a record for this part of China, and means that  
more than 1,300 tons of water fell on every acre  
naturally covered the loose earthworks were  
washed out again, but by the indefatigable efforts  
of the engineers the coal is being got down and  
irregular passenger traffic maintained.SAYS the *N. C. Daily News*:—The Chinese  
Telegraph authorities in Tientsin and elsewhere  
have established a strict censorship in the  
transmission of political and military news during  
the present crisis. This prudence is altogether  
commendable, though we and our readers are  
loath to see the news of the war, and the Chinese  
censorship has been shown all round in checking  
the actions of the Japanese Intelligence Depart-  
ment. While the troops were being embarked  
at Tientsin a fortnight ago, an active and intelli-  
gent Japanese gentleman was asking the part of  
the "chiel among ye takis" notes "nobody  
interfered or thought it his business to attend  
to such an insignificant proceeding. It would  
be extremely interesting to know the connection  
between this petty incident and the destruction  
of the *Kwanglo*. Our Celestial neighbours  
seem to have only half learned the lesson that  
attention to infinitely small matters is an absolute  
essential to success in modern warfare."THE China Merchants' steamers *Hsinfung*,  
*Hsiao* and *Fungchow* were sent to Shanghai to  
Korea and Japan. These vessels left Taku  
on the preceding Sunday morning with troops  
for the Yellow River in Chinese territory, and  
reached their destination the next day. The  
vessels were not all full of soldiers, because  
though enough could be got; and many of those  
taken were not soldiers, according to the *N. C.  
Daily News* correspondent. They behaved  
themselves very well on board. It was stated  
that 500 men are to be landed at the Yalu  
River, and it was understood that the steamers  
were to embark more troops from Central China.  
It is estimated that the overland journey from  
the present encampment of the Chinese to where  
the Japanese are will take a long time. The  
steamers left the Yalu River on July 23rd and  
made straight for Shanghai, but saw no vessels,  
either transports or men-of-war, on the way  
down.THE *N. C. Daily News* of July 31st:—  
"The question has been set at rest with refer-  
ence to the safety of the *Tooman* and *Melfoo*.  
The former was at Tientsin, Yalu River, on  
Friday at noon, and the *Melfoo* at Taku. The  
report that the former had been killed across  
the river towards the *Tooman*, which was one  
of the steamers that a vessel like the *Tooman*  
was seen to sink during the brush with Japanese  
men-of-war off Shihai. Owing to the vigilance  
of the Japanese, the *Chowchowfoo* could  
not land her troops on the Korean coast, and  
made her way back to Chefoo. The *Poochi*,  
which left Taku on Sunday week for the Yalu  
River, having had a collision with the *Fungchow*  
in the night, got her boilers full of mud while  
grounding, as a result of the collision, and was  
disabled in the Gulf of Pechili. She man-  
aged to steam at 4-knot speed to Port Arthur  
where she cleaned her boilers out and then pro-  
ceeded to her destination where she arrived on  
Wednesday. She discharged her soldiers and  
left on Friday at noon, arriving here yesterday  
morning. She left in port the *Kwanglo* and  
another boat, and they may be  
expected here at any moment."THE *China Gazette* understands that the sale  
of the Chinese steamers *Cass* and *Smith* to a  
British firm has been arranged and will be  
completed as soon as the vessels return to  
Shanghai.  
TEACHER—Why was Solomon the wisest man  
in the world? Boy—He had so many wives to  
advise him. Teacher (a strong-minded female)  
—Well, that is not the answer in the book, but  
you may go up to the head of the class.  
THE Commissioner of Customs at Ningpo has  
received notice from the authorities in charge  
of the defence of Ningpo, that torpedoes have been  
laid at the entrance of the river at Chih-hai.  
Vessels are therefore warned not to attempt to  
enter the river without a torpedo pilot, and not to  
anchor inside Tiler Island. Warning is further  
given that it is dangerous for vessels to approach  
Chih-hai forts at night.  
ONE of the easiest and most trustworthy modes  
of determining whether a supposed diamond is  
genuine or false is as follows: Pierce a hole in  
a card with a needle or pin, and then look at  
it, using the stone as a lens. If the supposed  
diamond is genuine you will see but one hole;  
if false, two will appear. With an imitation  
stone you may also see the lines on the skin  
of your finger, with the true gem you cannot.  
ANOTHER had outlook for Penang, says the  
*Strait Independent*, is that in case communi-  
cations are interrupted between this and the  
Land of the Rising Sun, which is within the  
limits of possibility, our stock of *yen*, which  
represent greater part of our currency, may  
become exhausted, and we shall have to pay  
a fancy price for Mexicans to replace them.  
This would, certainly, cause a notable rise in  
exchange, but would not improve matters, as  
the intrinsic value of these coins would not be  
raised thereby. This is another argument in  
favour of the adoption of a British dollar, what-  
ever its composition or standard.LIKE a good many other items of war news  
recently published in the *Daily News*, the state-  
ment in this morning's issue of that awful rag  
to the effect that the Chinese steamer *Cass*, Capt.  
Jessen, which arrived here yesterday from  
Whampoa with a full cargo of munitions of war  
destined for Formosa, "had been detained  
pending consideration of the question whether  
warlike stores can be allowed to leave the  
harbour for China or Japan under existing  
circumstances" turns out to be pure, unadorned  
hoax. The *Cass* "cleared" the Harbour  
Office yesterday and left for Tamsui in due  
course, without let or hindrance, as she had a  
perfect right to do.A WRITER on obesity says: "The safest way  
to reduce obesity is to begin by eating and drinking  
less, and to take as much exercise as possible,  
increasing it gradually day by day. Butter, fat,  
oil, sauces, haricot beans, peas, vermicelli, rice,  
tapioca, macaroni, all fat. Bread should be  
eaten in moderation, and either stale or toasted.  
All sweets are forbidden. Plainly roasted or boiled  
meats taken in moderation with plain boiled green  
vegetables may be eaten, also fruit, apples and  
oranges especially. Gooseberries and currants  
are good when in season, and for drink, lemonade  
unsweetened, weak tea and black coffee. House-  
work is especially recommended, such as  
dusting, sweeping, moving the furniture about  
and kneading bread. Gladstone feels trees.  
Sawing wood is excellent. Walking comes next.  
Cold baths are valuable."WITH reference to the sinking of the Indo-China  
Co.'s steamer *Kowshing*, "Briton" writes to the  
Shanghai correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*:—  
The *Kowshing* sailed on her fatal mission Viceroy  
Li Hung-chang had an interview with Capt.  
Galsworthy, stating to him the great risk he was  
running in carrying the troops his ship was then  
being filled with. Capt. Galsworthy thereupon  
wrote to Jardine, Matheson & Co., informing  
them of the result of that interview, and the  
letter is, I learn, in the hands of Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson & Co. *Now*, they will undoubtedly  
have to provide for the families of those on  
their ship during such a dangerous crisis as the  
present between China and Japan. The old  
East India Company always, in fact, made it a  
point of honour to provide liberally for the  
families of those maimed or killed in their  
service, and it is to be hoped the owners of the  
*Kowshing* will follow suit.THE Nanking correspondent of the *Shanghai  
Mercury* writes under date July 31st:—  
The exaggerated reports of the war, and the multiple  
rumours of serious reverses sustained by the  
Chinese in their encounters with the Japanese,  
seems to have fanned the flame of war-fever at  
the river ports. This afternoon news reaches us  
of a serious riot at Wuhu. The Chinese attacked  
the Japanese in their shops and looted their pre-  
mises, threatening to murder them, vowing  
vengeance on them for the lives of their fellow-  
countrymen. It is not known whether the news  
of the sinking of the *Kowshing* reached there  
before the riot. It is significant that the Chinese  
native officials refused to render any assistance  
had it not been for timely and humane assistance,  
rendered by the Custom House officers, several  
Japanese would have been killed. Seven of  
these unfortunate people have been sent to  
Shanghai, and will arrive there on the 3rd, under  
escort. It was with much difficulty the Chinese  
on board the steamer could be kept from taking  
their lives! We may expect further difficulties  
in this line from Hankow. A correspondent  
from up-river informs us that the Japanese are  
in no enviable condition at Hankow and other  
places, and he fears that the native officials will  
not protect them.AN "Eye-witness" sends to the *Shanghai  
Mercury* the following account of the first naval  
engagement between the Japanese and Chinese  
war ships, dated Chefoo, 30th July:—The  
*Tsuyuen* left Asan (Yashan) Bay at daylight on  
the 29th instant, accompanied by the *Kwangyung*  
and *Wuyuen*. After four hours' steaming, three  
Japanese men-of-war were in sight, one of  
which was the flagship. They approached us  
and suddenly opened a murderous fire, especially  
directed towards the *Tsuyuen*, which was  
answered at once by the Chinese. After fighting  
for about four hours, two of the Japanese men-  
of-war discontinued firing, but the Japanese  
flagship kept it up. At 6 o'clock, the two, too,  
fell back, and left off firing, apparently to  
clear her decks of wreckage, &c. The *Tsuyuen*  
was also glad of the opportunity to do so.  
The *Tsuyuen* had three killed and  
eleven wounded. As the Japanese flagship did  
not continue firing, the *Tsuyuen* shaped her  
course for Wei-hai-wei, and did not see anything  
of the other two Chinese men-of-war. The  
Japanese, seeing the *Tsuyuen* about to depart,  
gained fresh courage, and commenced to pursue,  
and as she (the Japanese flagship) is said to  
steam 13 knots, the moon approached the *Tsuyuen*  
within 3,000 yards, and endeavoured to get at her  
broad-side but could not, as the *Tsuyuen* showed  
her stern each time, and fired with her stern  
guns. None of the Japanese shots hit, but three  
shots from the *Tsuyuen* hit the Japanese flag-  
ship. The Japanese then gave up the fight, and  
steered away. The *Tsuyuen* is badly damaged  
above the water line, and is







